

REMARKS

Claims 6-9 are pending in this application. Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to specify that the *E. coli* bacteria used in the methods of the invention are not *E. coli* secretor mutants. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification, *inter alia*, at p. 9, lines 3-5; p. 9, lines 23-24; p. 10, lines 18-20; and p. 11, lines 19-20. These passages from the specification compare the expression system of the invention with expression using *E. coli* secretor mutants to illustrate the different yields obtained between the instant invention and said secretor mutant systems.

Moreover, these amendments are consistent with Applicants' arguments of record that "the applicants claims are drawn to *E. coli*, and do not encompass the specific mutant strains of *E. coli* referenced in Schmid." Reply brief at p. 2.

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